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DEPT FOR A/SY; SEOUL FOR RSO; MANILA FOR ATO/RCO FROM
REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR AND OFFICER IN CHARGE
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SUBJECT: CCC VAULT DOOR INSTALLATION-SEOUL

REF: STATE 110840

1. RSS AND OIC/HK INTERPRET STATE 110840 AS FINAL DEPART-
MENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO INSTALL CLASS 5 VAULT DOOR I GKCC IN
EMBASSY SEOUL.

2. THE REGIONAL OFFICERS IN HONG KONG WILL PROCEED TO DEVELOP
PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THIS INSTRUCTION AND TAKE EVERY STEP THAT
THE JOB IS ACCOMPLISHED WITH AS SMALL MONETARY EXPENDITURE
AND MANPOWER UTILIZATION AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, IT IS AGAIN
APPROPRIATE TO REITERATE OUR CONCERN OF THE INHERENT DIFFI-
CULTIES WHICH CAN DEVELOP; BOTH BOTH THE FORESEEABLE AND UNFORESEE-
ABLE COMPLICATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT CAN BE ASSURED HOWEVER
THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PROVE THAT OUR ANXIETIES
WERE HOPEFULLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

3. SINCE TIME DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE OF THE ESSENCE IN
THIS INSTALLATION, OIC/HK AND/OR RSS WILL PREPARE AN
ENGINEERING SITE SURVEY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE
WHICH SHOULD GIVE A REASONABLY ACCURATE DETERMINATION
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OF COST FACTORS AND MANPOWER WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED IN

THE IMPLEMENTATION. THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO FINAL PLANNING.

(A) TO THE SECURITY PERSONNEL IN HONG KONG IT INITIALLY APPEARS THAT SINCE THE LOCATION OF THE SHIELDED ENCLOSURE IS A CONTRIBUTING ITEM BOTH TO VISUAL AND PHYSICAL ACCESS OF THE WORK CREW, THAT THE WORK MUST BE DONE COMPLETELY BY CLEARED AMERICAN PERSONNEL SUCH AS SEABEES AND SECURITY TECHNICIANS WHO WILL ACCOMPLISH BOTH THE MANUAL AND SKILLED LABOR. RSS AND OIC PRESUME THERE IS NO PRACTICAL WAY TO SCREEN OR CONCEAL THE SHIELDED ENCLOSURE FROM A LOCAL WORK CREW.

(B) THE EMBASSY IN SEOUL HAS ADVISED THAT THE INTERIOR STAIRWELL OF THE EMBASSY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE WIDE ENOUGH NOR THE LANDING SPACE LARGE ENOUGH TO JOCKY THE NEW VAULT DOOR UP SIX FLOOR LEVELS TO THE CCC. FURTHER THE POST IS CONCERNED THAT THE WEIGHT FACTORS PLACED ON THE INTERIOR STAIRWELLS WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE STRESS PLACED ON CONSTRUCTION.

(C) THE NEW VAULT DOOR WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE JOCKEYED TO THE SIXTH FLOOR LEVEL EITHER BY THE EXTERIOR STEEL FIRE ESCAPE, OR THAT BEING TOO WEAK TO BEAR THE WEIGHT OR TOO SMALL TO MANIPULATE THE PACKAGE. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE HOISTED BY BLOCK AND TACKLE, PRESUMABLY FROM THE ROOF OF THE EMBASSY. UNDER EITHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERHAPS CERTAIN CONFINING SECTIONS OF THE FIRE ESCAPE WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED. AND OR TEMPORARY SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN THE FIRE ESCAPE STRUCTURE WOULD HAVE TO BE INSTALLED.

(D) IT NOW APPEARS THAT CERTAIN VERTICAL AND STRUCTURAL CROSS MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING STRUCTURE MAY HAVE TO BE TORN OUT TO ENLARGE THE EXIT APERTURE TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW VAULT.

(E) CONSIDERATION MAY HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO MODIFY CERTAIN PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE THIS INSTALLATION. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE DURING THE INSTALLATION OF THIS DOOR TO RESTRICT THE INTERRUPTION OF SERVICES AND TO LIMIT INCONVENIENCES AND CAUSE THE MINIMUM INTERFERENCE TO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CCC.

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4. THIS SITE SURVEY IS NOW BEING SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE AND TARGET DATE FOR INSTALLATION WOULD COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER. AN EARLY TENTATIVE ESTIMATE OF WORK FORCE WILL INCLUDE AT LEAST FOUR SEABEES AND ONE OR TWO TECHNICAL OFFICERS TO SUPERVISE AND HANDLE ENGINEERING PROBLEMS.

5. IF THE EMBASSY IN SEOUL OR ATO/RCO IN MANILA HAS

ANY VIEW EITHER CONCURRING OR DISSENTING WITH THE FORE-
GOING EARLY ASSESSMENTS OF THEIR OBSERVATIONS ARE
SOLICITED BY THE SECURITY PERSONNEL IN HONG KONG AND
COPIES OF SUCH VIEWS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SY AND OC
IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS THE ATO/RCO IN MANILA.
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